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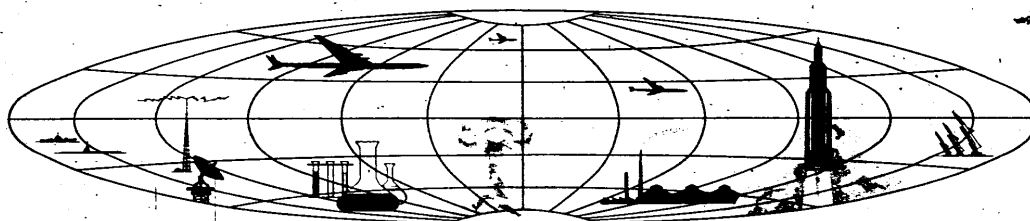


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INTRODUCTION

This summary is a report of activity observed on photography from high altitude missions flown over Cuba during the period 1 January 1964 to 31 March 1964, and should be used in conjunction with NPIC/R-1119/64.

Highlights of activity observed during this period include:

1. the annual Havana parade

2. additional SA-2 launchers and FANSONG radars
3. appearance of fighter aircraft shipping crates
4. appearance of additional naval vessels
5. changes in the status of military camps
6. parachute training, and the
7. Guantanamo Naval Base water cut-off.

ANNUAL HAVANA PARADE

In addition to the equipment observed in the annual Havana parade of 1963, the FROG transporter-launcher, the Snapper launch vehicle, the ZSU-57/2 self-propelled gun and the P-15 (Komar-class) Missile were identified on ground photography of the 1964 parade. The ZSU-57/2 has yet to be identified on high altitude photog-

raphy. Since the parade, the Snappers have been removed from the major camps and are no longer associated with related vehicles. Because high altitude photography does not allow positive identification of Snappers, they are being reported as BRDM APC.

CRUISE MISSILE ACTIVITY

The only unusual activity observed at the cruise missile sites during this time period was at Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Missile Site. It consisted of vacating the launch revetments and parking the launchers, missile transporters and other vehicles just SW of the site. The next day the site was reoccupied and operational. During

this time period, canvas- and net-covered areas and vehicles were observed periodically in an open area 0.5 nm west of Guerra Cruise Missile Storage. This is similar to some of the exercises at Mayari Arriba Cruise Missile Activity, but a cruise missile has not yet been observed at Guerra.

SAM SITE ACTIVITY

No site movements, establishments or abandonments occurred during this period; however,

additional launchers and FANSONG radars were observed at several of the SAM Sites. In late

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25X1D January, Camaguey SAM Site had four additional launchers parked in the area. Through [REDACTED]
25X1D [REDACTED] only two additional launchers were normally observed at the site. Two additional launchers were observed at the Matanzas SAM Site on [REDACTED] but have not been seen since.

Two additional launchers and an additional FAN SONG radar were observed at Managua, Sagua la Grande, La Salud, Santiago de Cuba, San Julian and Camaguey SAM Sites beginning in [REDACTED] through the end of the month (See Figures 1 and 2).

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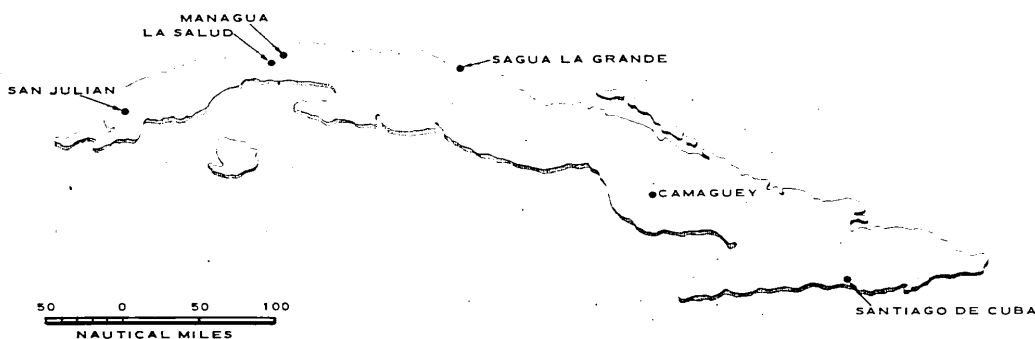


FIGURE 1. SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES WITH ADDITIONAL LAUNCHERS AND FAN SONG RADARS.

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SAM ASSEMBLY AREAS

25X1D Six SA-2 launchers were observed at Torrens SAM Assembly Area on [REDACTED] and two were observed periodically in [REDACTED] addi-

tional missile canisters and vehicles were added to Torrens. Six launchers were also observed at Santiago de Las Vegas SAM Assembly Area on [REDACTED]

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OFFENSIVE MISSILE ACTIVITY

No activity was observed at the offensive missile sites during this period. Remedios IRBM Site, Sagua la Grande MRBM Site 1, and

San Cristobal MRBM Sites 1 and 2 are almost overgrown by vegetation.

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AIRFIELD ACTIVITY

Two SA-2 launchers were observed at Holguin Airfield on [REDACTED], probably in

transit, and were not observed here again. Other activity was the introduction of aircraft shipping

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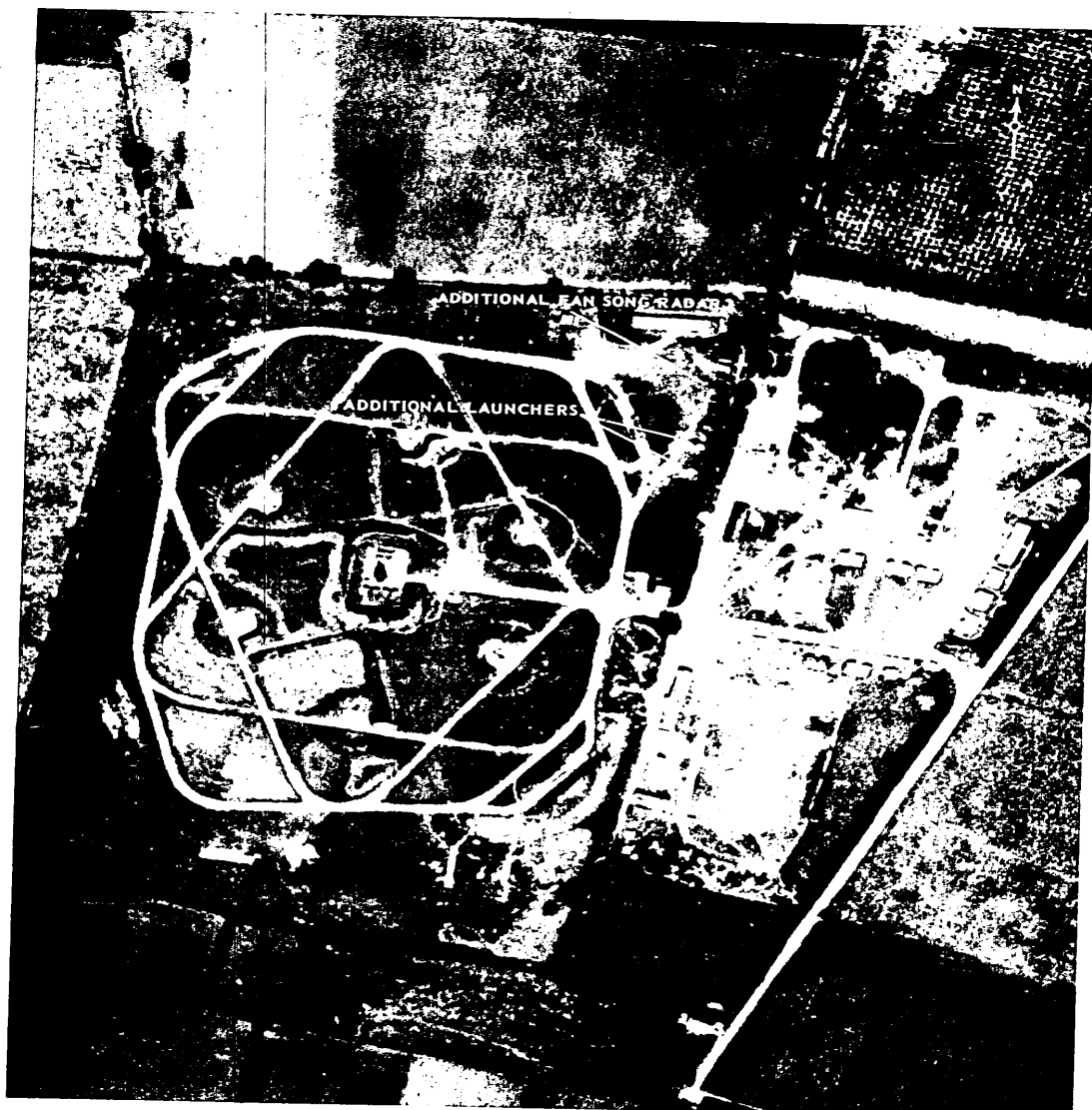


FIGURE 2. MANAGUA SAM SITE, [REDACTED]

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crates (probably FARMER and FAGOT/FRES-CO) at San Antonio de Los Banos Airfield on [REDACTED]. These crates were observed through-

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out the month of [REDACTED] on parking aprons at the north end of the airfield (See Figure 3).

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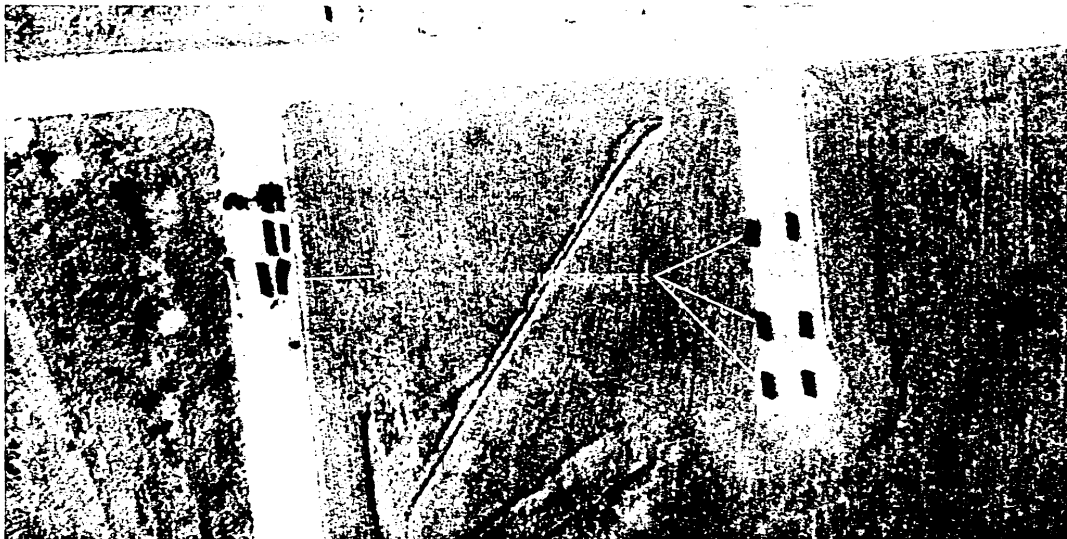


FIGURE 3. SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD, [REDACTED]

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NAVAL AND PORT ACTIVITY

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25X1D Two additional S.O. 1-Class SC were introduced to Mariel Naval Base in early [REDACTED] making a total of three (See Figure 4). Additional P-4 MTB were introduced into Cuba in late [REDACTED] bringing the total to nine or ten. On [REDACTED] there were three at Havana Port, four at Cabanas Naval Facility and two at Kawama

Marina. In [REDACTED] at least five of the 11 crates (probably Komar missile crates) were removed from Banes Port and were observed at Cabanas. The merchant vessel Sergey Kirov was observed unloading at Punta de la Gobernadora in Bahia Honda Port on [REDACTED]

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COMMUNICATIONS

Havana Communications Center

In early [REDACTED] six tanks SP guns and 15 BTR-60P were introduced into the area. Most

of the communications equipment (van trucks and electronic vans) was removed and a six- and a four-gun AAA site were set up.

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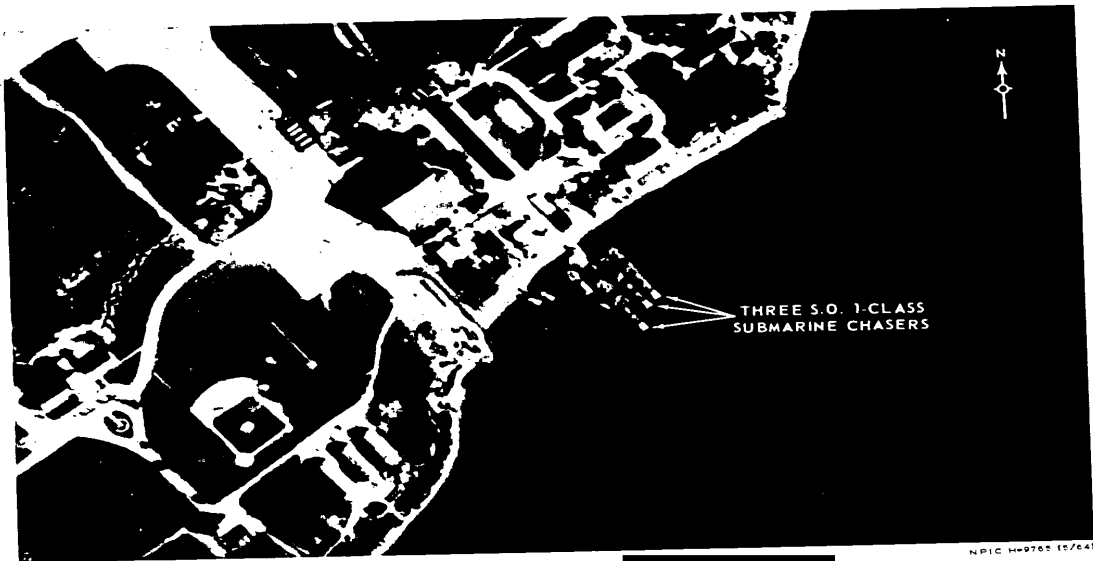


FIGURE 4. MARIEL NAVAL BASE, [REDACTED]

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MILITARY ACTIVITY

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Guantanamo Area

On [REDACTED], two occupied three-gun AAA sites were observed near the water pumping station on the Rio Yateras. A four-gun AW position and several new personnel trenches were also observed at this time. This activity took place just after the water cut-off incident on [REDACTED].

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Holguin Military Camp

On [REDACTED], the previously reported 21 tanks/SP guns and approximately 80 other vehicles disappeared from the camp and the surrounding area. On [REDACTED], the tanks/SP guns and several other vehicles were returned to the camp. This activity directly coincided with the water cut-off at Guantanamo.

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Camaguey Military Camp Country Club

On [REDACTED], three of the 16 barracks were dismantled, three additional barracks were removed by [REDACTED] only nine barracks remained.

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Ofelia Military Camp

An explosives storage area was observed under construction in late [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], at least 18 FA pieces were removed from hardstands within the camp and were not returned to the camp until [REDACTED]. In mid-[REDACTED], the tank/SP gun count increased from approximately 20 to a high of 41 on [REDACTED].

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Remedios Military Area

In late [REDACTED], the Snappers, numerous car-

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go trucks and other vehicles were removed from the camp. By [REDACTED] the encampment 0.8 nm NW was abandoned, and on [REDACTED] construction of 35-foot extensions started on the 12 barracks. On [REDACTED] the extensions were completed.

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Santiago de Las Vegas Military Camp

[REDACTED] PROG launchers were identified at the camp.

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Limonar Military Camp SE

In early [REDACTED] all the tents (approximately 40 of various sizes) and vehicles were removed from the main camp. The communications site 0.5 nm west was also abandoned. In early [REDACTED] vehicles began appearing at the main camp and on [REDACTED] 21 tanks/SP guns were added.

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Managua Military Camp

In early [REDACTED] the BTR-60P (eight-wheeled armored personnel carrier) were no longer observed in any great number at the camp. On [REDACTED] the tank/SP gun count increased to 92 and by the end of [REDACTED] totaled approximately 120. On [REDACTED] approximately 50 BTR-60P returned to Managua.

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Havana Military Camp Calabazar

On [REDACTED] approximately 50 BTR-60P were identified in Area 5 and remained until at least [REDACTED]

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Limonar Tank Training Area

On [REDACTED] 20 tanks/SP guns were observed 2.6 nm NNE of the training area. These were in addition to the 20 at the main camp. In [REDACTED] the tanks/SP guns were removed from the main camp and apparently transferred to Limonar Military Camp SE.

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Bejucal Ammunition Storage

In early [REDACTED] the Headquarters Area contained approximately 50 tents and 100 vehicles. This apparently was the unit which moved from Limonar Military Camp SE.

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Santa Clara Military Camp Cubanacan

Two to four SA-2 launchers were observed periodically from [REDACTED]. This apparently was a transshipment or overnight parking area.

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Santa Fe Military Area

On [REDACTED] a convoy of 10 tanks/SP guns, 27 cargo trucks (at least seven with probable FA/AAA pieces in tow) and one utility truck was observed leaving the camp. This was the first time any large concentration of tanks/SP guns was observed on the Isle of Pines.

San Antonio de Los Banos Area Drop Zone

On [REDACTED] five parachutes were observed in process of landing from a COLT aircraft.

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